

The city of York council have failed us!

You have also "greatly mislead" us into these miserable chaotic months of roadworks, to now apply a tourniquet to strangle the shops; you have reduced our parking to 4 cars!! This provides no betterment to anyone, tell me exactly who is benefitting from the "loading only full length parking bays outside the shops?"

This must be an error?

Why?

What an earth are you been thinking?

We had every right thinking you were trying to do something by stealth- underhand with the parking.

You are all clueless into how a business can run in times like this, does the council hate the shops on the Tadcaster road this much?

We strongly oppose the restrictions, they are unnecessary unwanted & unhelpful.

I think it necessary to have a full review on the initial plans you seem to be making it up as you go along.

We strongly object to this proposal.

Can i suggest it would be helpful if someone came & spoke to us, we need a solution ASAP.

I have received your later regarding the proposal for "no waiting at any time restrictions" on the Tadcaster road Dringhouses area.

Darren I would like have more clarity to the this proposal, the segregation diagram is not at all clear (plus a magnifying glass should have been included in the letter) it appears to be upside down in its layout to the measurements involved, most confusing when it is an important issue to us all who work & live there.

This neighbourhood "is" being subjected to constant disruptive road layout changes over the last year & it is really testing our patience, so please do your best to cooperate & enlighten us as to why & where "exactly" these proposals are stopping & starting, because we feel many changes are taking place without any real consideration of the overall effect it can have on businesses to survive.

Can i ask you to keep your reply relevant to the Tadcaster road Dringhouses section only.

Could you include a much larger diagram stating clearly where these No Waiting restrictions will be, we all feel the need to protect our parking lay-bys, it is by stealth that the council has reduced our customer car parking spaces with different ideas to the road layout over recent years.

I have copied this letter into some of the other businesses, we are all trying to support each other with the frustration & chaos of the roadworks taking place at present, so would you reply to all please.

I am relieved that the proposals are not as printed and that something positive may emerge as a result of the profile of this consultation. I am involved in running two businesses directly affected by the ongoing disruption and consequent parking changes.

Without labouring the point, I think it is fair to say businesses operating in this locality have been negatively affected by the drawn out and sporadic nature of the ongoing Council works in the area and that confidence in those charged with overseeing these works is at a low ebb. The tide of works disruption has however shown that vehicle parking in the area is a lifeline for us given that we do not have the footfall of the town centre. There is a recent history of kneejerk exercises related to parking hereabouts, including built out bus stops for bendy buses and the largely abortive residents only parking streets project of 2021/22 that failed to get local support in Slingsby Grove. If some joined up thinking could be applied then some good may come out of this. This involves looking at both sides of the road.

The racecourse side of the road has had the parking layby reduced to around 26 metres effectively from around 42 metres. Having observed parking there in some detail lately, the effective maximum is four vehicles at a time. It used to be 7 or 8 (it is clearly harder to reverse park in the new zone for some reason). This hitherto unrestricted zone tended to have two or three all day parkers. In the old days that was ok as customers could still find space. Nowadays customers will find it harder (if and when they return to us in numbers when the works eventually finish). To help them, I think this should now be a time limited longer stay area; with a 3 or four hour limit.

Currently our shopping zone comprises a Vets, a phone repair shop, two long established hot food takeaways, a Vinyl Record shop and an insurance Brokers along with two hairdressers. A short term parking facility of between 20 and 30 minutes, on the shops side, would probably serve all but the hairdressers effectively. Customers of the latter do tend to decant down Slingsby Grove rather more and this

does not seem to be problematic at the moment. People have been stopping for takeaway food for decades and they will not cease readily. A longer waiting period will push them down Slingsby more than at present which would be a negative I feel.

The loading bay context is, in my view at least, that it will not stop the aforementioned short stay parkers parking and would be costly/difficult to police by the authorities and stressful for us and our customers; in point of fact a pain for all concerned. From a selfish perspective a small loading section would help my business as our merchandise is quite heavy and it would give us some leverage to ask people to move. The dual signage would be confusing too. Current delivery arrangements are not perfect but they work; probably better than in most of the city.

The parking is of course not ours alone, but our customers comprise the vast bulk of its users; so shaping the parking around the shops will make it work better (and I think it may fit better with the fluid moving vision that COYC have for Tadcaster Road - not at the moment obviously but maybe one day).

There are a couple of new small pavement build outs and these logically should be no waiting.

As a business owner on the parade of shops on Tadcaster Road York I would like to voice my own, my staff (and the wider community's) dismay at the continued disruption to the area outside our businesses. We are all frustrated and angry at the level of ineptitude that has left us seriously inconvenienced and with a negative impact on all who work and live in the area.

The works have gone on far longer than originally understood and have caused a great deal of misery and concern to the businesses and the residents.

Previous and potential customers ARE avoiding the area due to all the disruption resulting in lost business.

The road has been frequently cordoned off, trenches and holes dug and redug tarmacked over and redug again, with traffic at a standstill on this major artery into our beautiful city for what appears to be a futile spend of public money.

The result of a patchwork quilt of a road is a disgrace and an eyesore.

The cycle path runs off and back on to Tadcaster Road for a short few yards at the expense of what was previously too little parking that served the 8 businesses across the street.

we serve the local community and have heard the feedback from our customers on a daily basis.

"Where can we park?" Is what we hear from all our customers. Our cyclists have commented that the cycle path is pointless, dangerous to rejoin the road and serves no real purpose - and to add insult to injury the bike stand that allowed cyclists to park and lock their bikes up has been removed with no alternatives available for safekeeping.

8 businesses across the street with REDUCED parking down to 4 as a result of the "new configuration" It's completely inadequate and shows the total lack of council concern for local business and the community they serve.

We have had to contend with covid, rising prices, the energy crisis and now this.

Where are workers and customers supposed to park?? If they cannot park conveniently they will go elsewhere!

From what we can fathom from the plethora of confusing council notices and misdrawn diagrams that have been distributed, it is now proposed that the parking area in front of the parade of shops is to be turned into a loading bay!?

This will result in where ever customers have left to park after this debacle will be the very limited surrounding residential streets around the businesses which will cause a HUGE number of complaints from residents and rightly so!

We propose as an absolute MINIMUM a 3 to 4 hr parking allocation for business customers outside the parade of shops and not a loading bay as suggested. We wish to make this known that we will be petitioning for this and gaining signatures to save our shops. To us this is a fight to stay in business.